Monthly Update

October 2024



## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended October 31, 2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Equity ADR (Gross)	-2.65	13.30	30.82	0.08	10.65	10.14	9.58
HL Global Equity ADR (Net)	-2.84	12.39	29.77	-0.71	9.80	9.27	8.70
MSCI All Country World Index	-2.21	16.44	33.40	6.01	11.59	9.61	7.77
MSCI World Index	-1.96	16.94	34.29	6.89	12.55	10.35	7.97

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Global Equity ADR composite inception date: November 30, 1989 corresponds to that of the linked Global Equity composite. MSCI All Country World Index, the benchmark index, and MSCI World Index, the supplemental index, are shown gross of withholding taxes. Please read the above performance in conjunction with the disclosures on the last page of this report.

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL	Index	Under / Over	
Health Care	19.0	10.5		
Comm Services	15.0	7.9		
Industrials	16.6	10.6		
Cash	2.9	_		
Real Estate	1.1	2.2		
Energy	2.1	4.1		
Info Technology	22.2	24.8		
Cons Staples	3.5	6.2		
Utilities	0.0	2.7		
Materials	1.1	3.9		
Cons Discretionary	6.7	10.5		
Financials	9.8	16.6		
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Geography	HL	Index	Und	ler / Ove	er	
Europe ex EMU	14.2	7.0				
Cash	2.9	_				
Europe EMU	9.1	7.2				
Japan	5.0	4.9				
Pacific ex Japan	2.6	2.5				
Frontier Markets	0.0	_				
Middle East	0.0	0.2				
Canada	0.0	2.7				
Emerging Markets	6.5	10.4				
US	59.7	65.1				
		-10	-5	0	5	10

## **Investment Perspectives**

#### Market

Solid results from a number of US companies and the strength of the US dollar helped the US fall least as all major regions declined in October. Europe lagged the US and Emerging Markets despite the European Central Bank cutting rates for the third time this year. Emerging Markets fell as the Chinese market gave back much of its recent gains as investors worried that the magnitude of recently announced fiscal and monetary policy stimulus measures may fail to boost consumption. Among sectors, only Communications Services and Financials managed to stay above water. Disappointing sales in China weighed on many Consumer Staples stocks and weak Chinese commodity demand dragged down Materials stocks.

#### Portfolio

Shares of semiconductor manufacturer **TSMC** surged after the company reported strong quarterly earnings, with gross margins of 58% surpassing the 55% consensus expectation due to high fab utilization, cost reductions, and enhanced productivity. The company increased its full-year revenue growth forecast from 25% to 30%, citing Al demand for leading-edge technologies and better-than-expected growth in smartphones. Management also noted that the number of Al chips used in PCs and smartphones is expected to grow faster than unit growth for PCs and smartphones, which remains in the low single digits. TSMC is also using Al and machine learning for R&D in its fabrication facilities, which should further boost the company's productivity, efficiency, speed, and quality. A 1% productivity gain would lead to a profit gain of almost US\$1B for the company.

# **Ten Largest Holdings**

Company	Market	Sector
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	Health Care
Netflix	US	Comm Services
UnitedHealth Group	US	Health Care
Apple	US	Info Technology
Thermo Fisher Scientific	US	Health Care

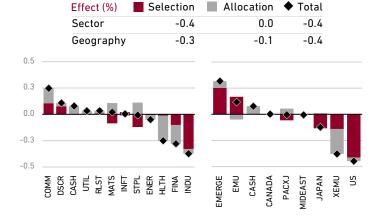
<sup>&</sup>quot;HL": Global Equity ADR model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World Index.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

## Benchmark Performance | Oct.

# Total Return by Geography (%) 4 O CANADA NIDEAST WIND NIDEAST WIND NIDEAST WARTS WERN EMERGE KEMU EMER

## Performance Attribution | Oct.



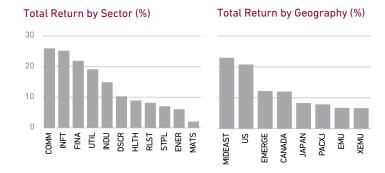
- In Financials, Hong Kong-based insurance giant AIA Group won two new provincial licenses allowing it to expand its operations in Mainland China, but shares fell nevertheless due to poor sentiment regarding China's economy.
- Our overweight to the lagging Health Care sector hurt relative returns.
- In Communication Services, shares of streaming entertainment service Netflix continued to rise in response to solid subscriber growth boosted by customers' embrace of the company's lower-cost ad-supported tier.
- In Europe ex EMU, shares of Swedish industrial tool and equipment maker Atlas Copco sank as reported order, sales, and profit growth for its compressors were slightly below expectations.

# **Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Oct.**

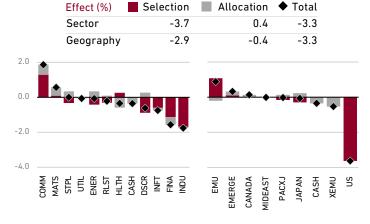
#### to Relative Returns

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Netflix	US	СОММ	0.4	0.22
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	0.15
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.2	0.14
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	1.0	0.12
CME Group	US	FINA	0.1	0.09
Detractors				
NVIDIA*	US	INFT	4.2	-0.44
Thermo Fisher Scientific	US	HLTH	0.3	-0.23
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.1	-0.15
Atlas Copco	Sweden	INDU	0.1	-0.14
Danaher	US	HLTH	0.2	-0.13

### Benchmark Performance | YTD



## Performance Attribution | YTD



- Financials underperformed, notably XP and AIA Group. Brazilian online brokerage and wealth management company XP has suffered a deterioration in its net promoter score (a measure of customers' willingness to recommend the company's services). This may be a sign of increasing competition from incumbent banks. We sold the holding this month.
- In Industrials, US electrical conduit manufacturer Atkore faced weaker-than-expected volumes for its PVC conduits and increased competition from steel conduits imported from Mexico.
- In Information Technology, the lack of holding NVIDIA was a drag on relative returns while our holding in semiconductor manufacturer TSMC was helpful.
- In the EMU, shares of Germany's SAP rose, buoyed by enthusiasm for upcoming AI features in its enterprise management software and signs that cloud customer uptake is accelerating.

# Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD

#### to Relative Returns

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Meta Platforms	US	СОММ	1.5	1.14
Netflix	US	СОММ	0.4	0.75
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.2	0.52
SAP	Germany	INFT	0.3	0.41
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	0.9	0.37
Detractors				
NVIDIA	US	INFT	3.4	-2.03
Kering	France	DSCR	<0.1	-0.65
Pinterest	US	COMM	<0.1	-0.58
Rockwell Automation	US	INDU	<0.1	-0.57
SLB	US	ENER	0.1	-0.52

#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Geographic Attribution: Harding Loevner Global Equity ADR composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Geographic Positioning and Ten Largest Holdings: Harding Loevner Global Equity ADR model, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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